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TAGS: ESTC, SF

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE USE BY SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY OF US
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

REF: USDOC 22036

1. SPENCER LOW, A CALIFORNIA MANUFACTURER OF FOUR-WHEEL
DRIVE CONVERSION KITS, IS PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH DATSUN
SOUTH AFRICA THE SALE OF 50 UNITS A MONTH OF FRONT-END
ASSEMBLIES AND TRANSFER ASSEMBLIES FOR CONVERTING DATSUN
620 PICK-UP TRUCK TO FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE. MARKET FOR THESE
TRUCKS IS PRIMARILY COMMERCIAL BUT DATSUN HAS HOPE OF
SELLING ALSO TO SA NATIONAL PARK SERVICE AND PLANS TO
SUBMIT TO SA MILITARY FOR TESTING. IF ORDER FROM MILITARY
EVENTUATED, LOW ESTIMATES WOULD BE UNDER 5 PERCENT OF TOTAL
PRODUCTION.

2. LOW WILL BE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS WITH DATSUN UNTIL
JANUARY 27 AND ANXIOUS TO HAVE OPINION BY THAT DATE OF
WHETHER DEAL WOULD RUN INTO PROBLEMS OF US LICENSING.

3. LOW POINTS OUT MILITARY SALES, IF AN, WOULD BE FOR
STANDARD COMMERCIAL VERSION OF PICK-UP. HE ALSO BELIEVES
DATSUN COMPETING WITH GM NOMAD, MANUFACTURED IN SA, FOR
ORDER FROM SA MILITARY.

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4. REQUEST ANY ADVICE WHICH COULD BE PASSED TO LOW BY
JANUARY 27.
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